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PatientWise is a serious marketplace

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for "significant healthcare services" allowing patients to make well informed, comparative purchase decisions among institutions responding to their specific healthcare needs and service preferences.

A patient, using carefully designed templates to specify his or her healthcare need and service physician produces a "case statement" on-line. A patient may require assistance from his or her referring physician state the healthcare need accurately; PatientWise can help with this process.

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Institutions respond, within a stated timeframe, to individual case statements with structured templates containing well defined elements including quality indicators, services, and price.

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PatientWise organizes the proposals so the patient sees side-by-side comparative information about quality and price. Upon review of organized proposals, the patient — often in consultation with the referring physician — chooses one of the responding institutions and secures its services with a deposit.

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Significant health care services are non-emergency complex procedures requiring a hospital, principal surgeon and other professionals acting together to respond to serious medical conditions.

Service preferences may include travel distance, timeframe in which procedure should be scheduled, accommodations for family or significant other, or anything else important to the patient.

Institutional responses include its "track record" (quality and outcome indicators) for the procedure needed; the name(s), qualifications and track record of the proposed principal surgeon(s), the extent to which service preferences can be met, the "price", and any other attributes of the institution it cares to make the patient aware of.

Price is well defined -- at a minimum it represents the combined charges of facility and principal professionals (surgeon(s), anesthesiologist(s), and hospital-based physicians such as radiologists and pathologists). However, at the institution's discretion, it may include other professional services (e.g., consultants, if necessary). Prices are not set. They depend on the particular clinical circumstance and will vary among institutions and from time to time vary at a given institution. In some instances (e.g., a patient with traditional Medicare coverage) price information is not applicable.

The deposit may be refunded in whole or in part depending on the extent to which the patient's insurance covers the price of the procedure.

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Patientwise.net is your tool to improve your patient's understanding of his or her choices, when complex healthcare services are needed.

You can refer your patient to the patientwise net web site to submit information and receive proposals from medical centers in the area, or across the country, as appropriate.

Your patient will be able to compare information about the credentials and track record of the surgeons and medical centers proposing to deliver needed care.

Your patient can also see what additional amenities, and scheduling options are available.

Though price is not the most important factor for many patients, they can also learn what the entire procedure will cost, for both facility and professional fees.

Price is not indicated for Medicare beneficiaries or Medicaid program participants.

PatientWise recommends that you schedule office visits with the patient to assist with the development of case profile, and to review the proposals that come back to your patient (three working days after submission) and help him or her make a selection.



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PatientWise Proposing Medical Centers



Patientwise.net helps discriminating patients who need significant hospital-based health services to find the best match for their needs both clinically and non-clinically and to obtain an "up-front" knowledge of what the care will cost.

Usually with the help of a referring physician, patientwise.net patients construct case statements which contain the reasons for the requested clinical intervention. The case statements include:

- Chief Complaint
- History of Present Illness
- Past Medical History
- Review of Systems
- Current medications
- Allergies, and pertinent findings (physical signs, laboratory values, imaging results, results of special tests, where appropriate)

The patient may specify other preferences. (For example, a patient seeking a hip replacement might seek a particular week for scheduling to accommodate a spouse's vacation schedule.)

Key attributes of the patient's insurance would also be included.

The case statement, as posted on the Internet, does not contain unique patient identifying information.

As a provider with service lines in the category of the requested service, you might choose to prepare a response to a given case statement. (As a participating patientwise net provider, you are never required to propose.)

Your response will include required and optional elements in three areas: clinical qualifications, service, and price.



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By its very nature, patientwise.net does not handle emergencies.

Nevertheless, many patientwise.net patients have serious conditions (including coronary artery disease, aortic aneurysms, brain tumors, or cancer). They will be anxious to find the right setting for their care quickly.

For this reason, only three business days are allowed from the time a case is posted on the secure provider site on the internet to the cut-off time for proposal submission.

A complete proposal will require two dates:

- The date of an outpatient visit with the principal surgeon.
- The week during which the procedure itself could be performed.

The outpatient visit allows:

- The patient to meet the surgeon
- The surgeon to review the clinical material supplied by the patient and the referring physician to verify that the procedure is, in fact, necessary
- To carry out any further pre-admission testing that the surgeon feels is necessary, or that your facility requires
- To complete other required tasks (e.g., informed consent, insurance eligibility, insurance authorizations).

You will also have the opportunity to address service preferences expressed by the patient and add any helpful information that might distinguish your institution. For example, you may wish to highlight the availability of private rooms, assistance with travel arrangements, availability of translators, availability of elder care or child care, or availability of accommodations for a significant other.





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Clinical Qualifications

When you choose to offer a proposal, the required data elements are:

- Principal Surgeon
- His/her qualifications
 - Medical School and residency training
 - Board Certification
 - Years in Practice
- Track Record over the most recent year:
 - Number of cases performed of this type of procedure
 - In-hospital deaths among these cases
 - Number of cases with complications
 - Expected uncomplicated length of stay
- Facility-wide track record:
 - Number of cases performed of this type of procedure
 - Morbidity
 - Mortality
 - Patient Satisfaction measurement and description of the tool used to measure it.

In addition to these required fields, you may wish to further explain your quality information, so that the patient will see this information along with the numbers. For example, you may wish to include long term results, or explanation about how being a referral center affects the results, or how your use of clinical pathways allows patients and families to monitor progress, or how patient satisfaction is related to your use of modern pain management techniques. You can say anything provided it is true and based on reasonable evidence.

You may feel free to include your web site address and citations to articles that favorably portray the surgeon, department or facility.

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For patientwise.net, price has a well-defined meaning. It is the sum of the charges that will be submitted by the facility and the principal professionals involved in the procedure:

- Principal Surgeon
- Assistant Surgeon (when appropriate)
- Anesthesiologists (or CRNAs)
- Radiologists
- Pathologists

PatientWise is asking for a not-to-exceed total of these elements, plus any other elements that the proposing medical center chooses to add.

PatientWise is not asking for a combined billing, by the facility and professionals, to the patient's insurer, but does require a single bill to those patients who are self-pay. For medical centers and professionals who are participating providers with the patient's insurer, health plan or HMO, bills may not exceed any existing contractual limits. Medical Centers needing assistance with claims re-pricing or with administrative services to re-distribute payments among participants should contact PatientWise Corporation.

Patientwise.net is a "spot market;" whatever price you quote is understood to apply for that single, specific case statement, and no other. It will be revealed by patientwise.net only to the patient submitting the case statement.

Your price should reflect the sum your facility and professionals are willing to claim given:

- The specifics of the case
- Your desire for incremental cases at the time of your proposal
- Your sense of the price sensitivity of the patient
- The attractiveness of your organization, by general reputation or by the contents of your proposal

Price quotes are not necessary for traditional Medicare beneficiaries, or for Medicaid recipients, if they are inadvertently included, we will not pass them along to the patient.

Prices will be in U.S. dollars. The patient and/or payer will absorb the cost or reap the benefit of currency fluctuations between the time of quote and payment.

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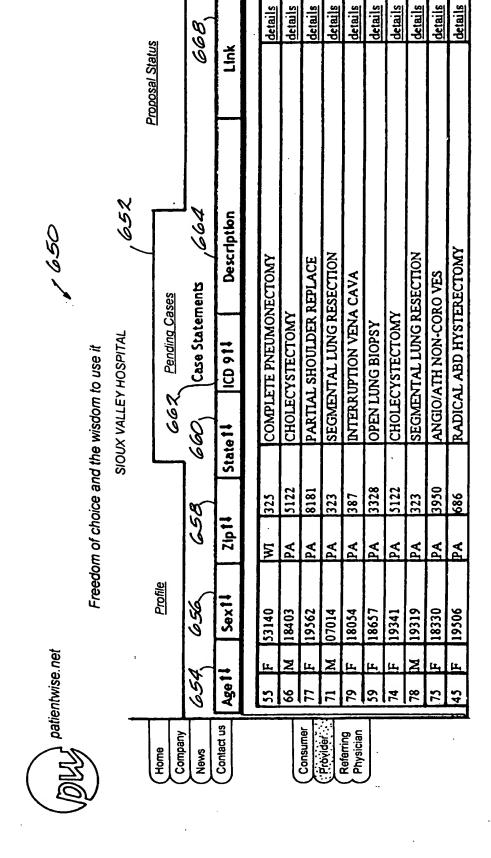
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Board Certification Neurosurgery Years in Practice	20/5/2
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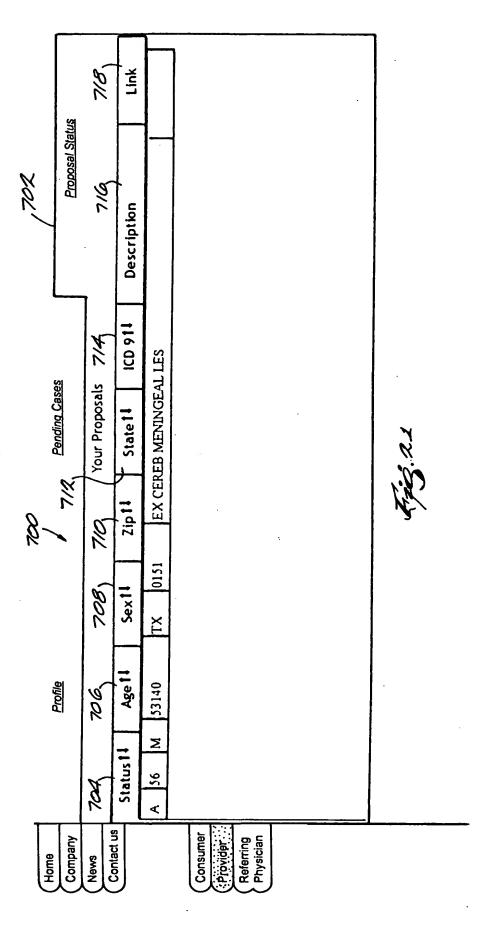


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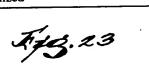
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Report for: Mr. RAYMOND J ACKERMAN 10/26/2000

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Facility	SIOUX VALLEY HOSPITAL	MT SINAI HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER
Principal Surgeon	James Smith MD	James Williams MD
Medical School	Univeristy of South Dakota	NÝU
Graduated	1978	1972
Board Certification	Neurosurgery	American Board of Neurosurgery
Years in Practice	20	20
Number of Procedures (past yr)	100	150
Inhospital Deaths (among these)	.3	5
Inhospital Complications (among these)	7	7
Expected Length of Stay	5.1	4.1
Facility Procedures (past yr)	250	340
Inhospital Deaths (among these)	11	12
Inhospital Complications (among these)	16	31
Clinical Services	Dr. Smith has an excellent reputation nationally. He has written over 30 papers and pioneered techniques in intracranial surgery. His long-term recurrence rate is very low for benign tumors – about 3% over 5 years.	We are a neurosurgical "center of excellence." Our program is recognized widely. Dr. Williams and his colleagues have published and spoken widely. Our equipment is state of the art with new laser surgical instruments to minimize brain damage.
Non-clinical Services	We have excellent travel arrangements and can help book flights, arrange hotel accommodations for patient spouse or family.	We do have private rooms available and hotel accommodations within I block from the hospital.
Office Date	10/25/2000	09/15/2000
First Week	10/30/2000	09/18/2000
Alt. Week	11/06/2000	09/25/2000
Total Price	\$31,500.00	\$35,000.00
Type of Price	Itemized	Global



Type of Facility Price	Case Rate	N/A
Facility Case Rate	\$15,000.00	N/A
First Days' per Diem	N/A	N/A
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Subsequent Days' per Diem	N/A	N/A
Principal Surgeon Fee	\$8,000.00	N/A
Assistant Surgeon Fee	\$4,000.00	N/A
Anesthesia Fee	\$3,000.00	N/A
Radiology Fee	\$1,000.00	N/A
Pathology Fee	\$300.00	N/A
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